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Background

Reference is made to the note on the Needs Analysis Framework discussed at the IASC WG meeting in Rome in March 2005. Members will recall that the NAF exists to improve the analysis of need, and thereby create a better platform for prioritised humanitarian response. It is currently being piloted in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, the occupied Palestinian territories, and Uganda. At the Rome meeting, the Working Group asked for a status report on NAF implementation which is proceeding as follows in the field.

Burundi

- HC, with OCHA support, has distributed the NAF in French to agencies.
- Data on health, nutrition and food security is available and should now be organized as indicated in the NAF.
- The NAF is expected to be used actively in July and August during preparations for the 2006 CAP.

Côte d'Ivoire

- OCHA has met different agencies to confirm which partners would provide which data. Sectoral groups are expected to report back every four months on trends and changes using the selected indicators.
- Some agency country representatives are reportedly reluctant to have their agency lead sector groups.
- Discussions are ongoing as to whether or not the CT needs additional resources to implement the NAF.

DRC

- Available data was insufficient, so the HC and CT decided to collect baseline information. 6 teams each with 6 persons are working to this end. This part of the exercise should be complete on 21 June 2005.
- Data will then be consolidated along the lines of the NAF, and analysed to provide a platform for preparations of the 2006 CAP.

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A workshop, facilitated by one of the CAP SWG's members, will take place on 15 June 2005 in order to extend buy-in from a core group of agencies which attended the NAF workshop in Geneva in February 2005, to a broader group of UN agencies and NGOs. Third background paper on agenda item: CAP

Uganda

- The NAF was used to assist in the analysis of the situation in Gulu, Kitgum, Pader, Lira/Apac and the Teso region.
- The results of this analysis are reflected in the MYR.
- On 26 and 27 July there will be a CAP workshop at which the NAF will be presented to the participants, including NGOs, to ensure its application.

To boost efforts in the field, the Chair of the IASC WG wrote to Humanitarian Coordinators in each NAF country, calling on them to exercise leadership and offering support. Members of the IASC SWG on the CAP have organised for the NAF to be distributed widely in English and in French, and have offered to deploy to countries to facilitate workshops. Agencies have boosted their assessment work, and key donors, e.g. Belgium and DFID, have provided funds to strengthen needs assessments and analysis.

Action Point

IASC WG to take note of the status of NAF in the five countries where it is being used, and to reinforce their agency's engagement in it.

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